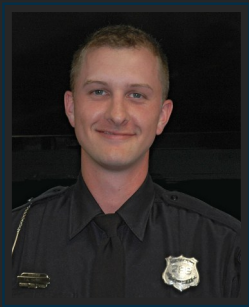


Neighborhoods in the Know

A GREENVILLE POLICE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Officer E. Bryant

Congratulations to our recent graduate of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy! Officer E. Bryant successfully completed the 12-week Basic Law Enforcement Training and was sworn-in on March 12th. Officer Bryant has begun his training and is now assigned to a Field Training Officer on patrol.



Terri Wilfong

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Citizens' Education Academy

The Greenville Police Department's 2012 Citizens' Education Academy began on March 20th. We have 14 participants in this 10th Anniversary class. They will learn about our department, our policies, and even get to do a ride-along with an officer on patrol. They will take this information and teach other residents of Greenville what they learned. Also, the experience and knowledge they gain may encourage their neighbors to partake in next year's class!



Leadership Training Class

On January 25th, the department hosted the training class "Walking the Narrow Road of Leadership—Becoming the Law Enforcement Leader who makes an Impact on the Organizational Culture." Numerous officers and dispatchers attended, as well as officers from other departments. The presenter, Jack E. Enter, discussed topics that included Defining the Problem – A Society in Trouble, Defining the Problem – A Law Enforcement Profession in a Leadership Crisis, Causes of the Problem—Analyzing the Wide Road of Mediocrity, Responding to the Problems – Strategies for Walking the Narrow Road of Leadership, and Leaving a Legacy. Mr. Enter has been associated with the field of criminal justice since 1972 when he began his career as a law enforcement officer. Attendees gained insightful information that will make the department function more efficiently and allow us to better serve our communities. As Stephen R. Covey said, "An empowered organization is one in which individuals have the knowledge, skill, desire, and opportunity to personally succeed in a way that leads to collective organizational success."

Honor Guard



Honor Guard Team: Pfc T. L. Cobb, Pfc C.W. Lane, Sgt A.C. Johnson, Det K.M. Schroeder, and Cpl J. Castaneda.



The Greenville Police Department Honor Guard has been in existence for many years. However, it is through continuous improvement that the team has evolved into what it is today. The Team consists of five committed, dedicated, and highly motivated officers. Commander, Sergeant A.C. and members: Corporal G. Castanada, Officer C. Lane, Officer T. Cobb and Detective K. Schroder. The Agency plans to add additional officers to the Team in the future.

Honor Guard members are chosen through a selection process starting with an application to show their interest and commitment in becoming a team member. Interview boards are then conducted and members are then selected. Team members represent all areas of the department and training is currently conducted monthly.

The Honor Guard has upgraded their uniforms to a more traditional police dress uniform which includes the Marine Corp style dress coat. They represent the department at various community functions such as parades, ceremonies, and also sworn officer funerals, to include retired police officers from this agency. On occasion the Honor Guard is also asked to present the colors at the beginning of an event such as a baseball game, hockey game, or church service.

The Honor Guard members take pride in what they do. They represent the Greenville Police Department with utmost professionalism, dedication, and commitment which shows each and every time they are called upon.



The Honor Guard in the Armed Forces Day Parade

On March 5th, Officer D.M. Dirton and Recruit J.P. Elmquist responded to 301 University Ridge to a report of an Autobreaking in progress behind the Family Court building Monday morning, March 5, 2012. A witness reported seeing a male subject leaning on her car and then saw him looking into other vehicles and going inside a Pontiac parked nearby. She described him as wearing a dark hat with fur lining and carrying a silver hubcap. The officers responded and checked the area. They found the suspect sitting near a trash can at Marathon gas station. He was wearing a hat with a fur lining and had a hubcap and other others beside him. He was found with items taken from the Pontiac, including the victim's house keys that were hanging on his belt. Other stolen items also were recovered.

Officer J.M. Plonk was patrolling the Swamp Rabbit Trail on March 7th when he was flagged down by a complainant at Woodland Way. He told the officer he saw a male subject come from behind a house on Trails End carrying a leaf blower and some hedge clippers. Officer Plonk located the suspect walking down Nichol Street carrying a leaf blower and two pair of hedge clippers. He claimed he purchased them from a pawn shop. The suspect fled, but was apprehended. The victim told officers that his lawn equipment was kept



in a garage in his back yard and he described the items found with the suspect. A Lemond road bike was stolen from Fernwood Lane last year and the same suspect was charged. On March 5th, the same bike was stolen from the same home. According to Corporal M. Nelson, the suspect pawned a Trek bike the day before on March 6th. Cpl Nelson ran the serial number through a Trek dealer and came up with the name and address of the victim on Fernwood Lane. He was able to recover both stolen bikes and return them to their owners. They were returned to the victims. The suspect faces an additional Burglary charge and Larceny charge. This arrest cleared three open cases.

Officer C.R. Kellett responded to Dealers Supply on March 18th in reference to two suspects loading metal into the bed of a gray Dodge Ram. Officer Kellett made contact with an employee of the

business who stated the two suspects did not have permission to take the scrap. The suspects were arrested and charged with Petit Larceny. One of the suspects had an active warrant from the county that was also served. All metal was returned to the property owner.

On March 22nd, Officer J. Digirolamo responded to a burglary in progress at a vacant home on Gurley Avenue. A resident called in that a male subject was observed crawling under the house removing copper pipes. When Officer Digirolamo made contact with the suspect, he stated that he did not have permission to be taking the copper pipes. The suspect was arrested and charged with Injury to Real Property to Obtain Nonferrous Metals and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.



Upcoming Events in the City



On April 12th at the Greenville Library downtown the National Center for Prevention of Home Improvement Fraud will be holding a seminar on Protecting Yourself from Home Repair Scams. The NCPHIF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and was created to help protect consumers from becoming victims of home improvement or home repair contractor fraud. The seminar will be from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm and is a free event. Learn ways to not become a victim of these scams.

The Project Host BBQ Cook-off is back! Project Host's Soup Kitchen and the CC Pearce Community Culinary School have experienced a greater need for their services and are holding their second annual fundraising event on April 27th and 28th. The festivities will start on Friday night the 27th at 6 o'clock pm until 10 o'clock pm. There will be awesome BBQ, crafts and entertainment. The event will begin again Saturday morning the 28th at 10 o'clock am and conclude at 8 o'clock pm. This event will take place at the corner of Broad Street and South Main Street.



On Saturday, April 28th, the 11th annual Harbor Run will begin at 9 o'clock am at the Drive Stadium, 945 South Main Street. The courses will weave through downtown Greenville, and the 5k team categories have expanded to include husband & wife, mother & daughter, mother & son, father & daughter and father & son. All proceeds benefit Safe Harbor, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing the effects of domestic violence in our community.

On Saturday, April 28th from 8 o'clock am until 12 o'clock pm at the CU-ICAR Campus, the March of Dimes walk/run will be held. March of Dimes March for Babies raises funds and awareness for prematurity, birth defects and infant mortality, which affects more than 9,500 babies in South Carolina.



With the warm weather, you may start to see more soliciting in your neighborhood; especially in reference to landscaping and home improvement help. Be aware that many of these individuals are not legitimate and may cause more damage than you had originally, both to your property and financially. There are also those individuals that ask for the money up front and never do any actual work. Also, if the individual(s) are overly aggressive in their approach or your instincts are telling you something is not right, call the non-emergency number (271-5333) and we can respond to the area. If you have not called a specific company to hire their services, be diligent in confirming that they are indeed legitimate before using them.

Emergency : 911

Non-Emergency Police Dispatch & Information: 271-5333

Greenville Police Tip Line: 271-GCPD (4273)

Front Desk: 467-5258

Victim Services: 467-5373

Investigations: 467-5342

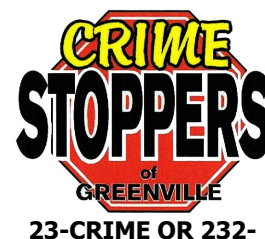
Uniform Patrol: 467-5325

Special Events Coordinator: 467-5014

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